Activation of Telephone lines in U.P. and Bihar

3148. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN
AZMI: SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the name of places in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar where telephone lines have been laid but not activated;

(b) the reasons for not activating such lines; and

(c) the action being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) There is no such case in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar where telephone lines have been laid but not activated.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Out of turn telephone connections in Bihar

†3149. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that unnecessary delay and negative attitude is being adopted by the Department in the installations of out of trun telephone connections recommended by Members of Parliament under Bihar Telecommunication Circle;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the period from 1st January, 2001 to 3rd June, 2005; and

(c) whether it is a fact that this issue was discussed seriously in the meeting held between the Officers of Bihar Telecommunication Circle and Members of Parliament on 2nd June, 2005?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir. The delay in installation of out of

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

turn telephone connection is primarily on account of their technical non-feasibility. In some cases, subscribers have refused to take the connection on wireless in local loop (WLL), when under ground cable pair is not available.

(b) Details of sanctions for out of trun telephones under the quota of Members of Parliament for the period from 1st Janrary, 2001 to 3rd June, 2005 pending in Bihar are given in the Statement (See below).

(c) Yes, Sir.

Statement

Details of pending sanctions of Out of Turn telephones under MP Quota in Bihar for the period from 1st January, 2001 to 3rd June, 2005

Year of Quota	MP Quota sanctions pending as on 03-06-2005	Reason of pendency
1	2	3
2001	40	37 cases are pending due to nonavailability of under ground cable pairs and non acceptance of connection on WLL by the subscribers. 3 cases are pending due to subscriber reason (1 is defaulter and 2 subscribers are not available).
2002	339	189 pending due to being technically non feasible (TNF) on land line and also due to shortage of Fixed Wireless Telephones (FWTs). 150 cases are pending due to subscriber's reason i.e. non-acceptance of connection on WLL.
2003	700	29 telephone connections have since been provided. 511 cases are pending due to TNF on landline i.e. shortage of U/G cable and shortage of FWTs. 160 cases are pending due to subscriber reason i.e. non acceptance on WLL.

1	2	3
2004	1409	6 telephone connections have since been provided. 1338 cases are pending due to TNF i.e. shortage of U/G cable and shortage of FWTs. 65 cases are pending due to subscriber reason i.e. non-acceptance on WLL.
2005 (upto 03-06-2005)	516	509 cases are pending due to TNF i.e. shortage of U/G cable and shortage of FWTs. 7 cases are pending due to subscriber reason i.e. non-acceptance on WLL.

R and D activities in IT. Sector

3150. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether a survey of US based Centre for the Advanced Study of Indian indicates that there is lack of spending on research and development by the Indian IT Industry which would damage the intellectual competencies of the Indian IT Sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's efforts to enhance the R and D activities and other innovations in the IT Sector?

.- THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The report titled "India's Strategy of IT-Led Growth : Challenges of Asymmetric Dependence" by the Centre for the Advanced Study of India, University of Pennsylvania, USA, was published in Summer 2005. The details are available at web site: www.sas.upenn.edu/ casi.

(c) Government has set-up organizations to undertake R&D in identified thrust areas. Some of the major organizations include: